



**KEIGHLEY
WALKING
FESTIVAL**

2018





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17TH -23RD September

Welcome

The First Keighley Walking Festival 2018 takes place between 17th & 23rd September.

The aim of this festival is to allow the general public to try out a whole range of walks, ranging from Short Park strolls to riverside and Canal -side walks, as well as more strenuous rambles in the surrounding countryside. In fact over the course of the week there will be 25 walks on offer, run by 18 different groups or organisations.

At the same time the festival will give the opportunity to promote Keighley's wonderful countryside, introduce an audience to its hidden gems and promote Keighley in a positive Light & if it proves to be successful and popular it could be an Annual event in the Keighley Calendar.

Please note that whilst every care will be taken on all walks remember that everyone taking part does so at their own risk. Please come in comfortable clothing (not jeans), suitable footwear and bring a waterproof coat (even if it's Sunny) as well as a drink.

Information

A big thanks go to the organisations who have contributed to this festival and the many organisations and groups leading individual walks.

Funders & Acknowledgements





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Bradford Senior Wayfarers are leading walks no. 1 & 15

The club is aimed primarily at the 50+ age group but we welcome people of any background to join our friendly and welcoming midweek walking groups and/or to come along to our social activities or weekend away. Formed in 1979 we now have over 300 members and have 7 groups that walk every day (Monday to Thursday) for between 3 to 10 miles in a wide variety of locations.

For further information contact Roger Pollard (rogpollard@blueyonder.co.uk).

Aire And Worth Valley Wanderers (AAVWW) are leading walks 2,6,16 & 22

This is a partnership between Community Action Bradford & District, Keighley Big Local and Champions Show the Way and is a Walking for Health group. Our Walks take Place on Thursday Afternoons, starting at 1.30pm.unless otherwise stated & vary in length and can be up to 4 miles. The walks are aimed at people who have reasonably good mobility & some of the walks will include hill climbing (up & down) and will go over uneven surfaces. Well behaved Dogs on leads are also welcome.

For further information and directions to the start of each walk, please contact CABAD's Community Development Worker, Muppett on muppett@cabad.org.uk or ring him on 01535 – 665258.

Walking Women Stumblers are leading walk 4

Each walk will be no more than 4 to 6 miles. We try to avoid difficult stiles and very difficult terrain. There may be some uphill walking, but we will stop to look at the views or to get "our breath back". You will still need to be fit enough to walk for three to four hours at a steady pace. Leader of the walks: Nina Fuller 01535 663085 or 07980435565 nfuller98@gmail.com

Contact: Kate Toch 01535 605825 or 07883564921 katetoch@gmail.com

The Ramblers are leading walks 5, 9 & 19

The Ramblers Association, have been at the heart of all improvements to public rights of way in this country for over 70 years, we love walking around the lovely moors and dales in sociable company. We are always pleased to welcome new members who like a good walk in the countryside. You can improve your fitness, make friends, and be shown lots of local walks you perhaps didn't know existed! So come and join us on one of our walks, we're sure you'll feel a lot better after it than when you started.

For further info. Contact Alex Gardner on alex-denise@blueyonder.co.uk



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East Riddlesden Walkers are leading Walk 7

We are one of the many Walking for Health groups that operate across the Bradford District. We meet every Tuesday afternoon at 1.50pm at the Airedale barn in the Grounds of East Riddlesden Hall and do walks in the Riddlesden Area. Contact Champions Show the Way on 01274 321911 for further details



Keighley Urban Meadows are supporting walk 10 & 11

Keighley Urban Meadows is a community project close to the Guardhouse estate in Keighley. We promote a range of environmental projects, and as well as maintaining our outdoor community centre, we run workshops featuring subjects such as traditional country crafts, foraging and bush craft skills, cook and eat classes, "build it from scrap" sessions and DIY.

For further details contact Jeff Bennett on klyurbanmeadows@outlook.com or Pip Gibson on 01535 667221

Aire Rivers Trust are leading Walk 12

Aire Rivers Trust aims to improve the Aire river and its catchment for the benefit of society and the environment. We need people to join us in the activities that we run and organise, from clean ups and practical work to art activities. We set up and help run community groups that want to be involved in any type of river based activity. One of our projects will see Salmon returning to their traditional spawning grounds around Skipton.

Contact nick.milsom@airerivertrust.org.uk for more information or visit their website; www.airerivertrust.org.uk



Get Out More CIC are Leading Walks 13, 17 & 25

Get Out More is a social enterprise on a mission to help people engage with nature to feel better in mind and body. We run outdoor programmes, including forest schools, outdoor play and community engagement programmes, for people of all ages across West and North Yorkshire. We use local woodlands, parks and natural spaces to bring people together, be active and feel good, working towards our vision: *communities and nature growing healthier together*.

For further information contact Annie Berrington on 0794935105 or visit their website; www.getoutmorecic.co.uk



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Friends of Devonshire Park are leading walk 20



Our group don't hold regular meetings but gentle group walks (with expert guidance) are organised at all times of the year, allowing the trees to be seen with all their dramatic seasonal changes. For further information email devonshireparkkly@gmail.com

Out in the Aire are leading Walk 23



We provide outdoor learning experiences to children and young people from all backgrounds. We are working to alleviate common issues children and young people face growing up in today's world. We aim to improve health and well-being, respect and understanding of the natural environment, break down multicultural barriers to create inclusive communities and reduce isolation.

For further information email info@outintheaire.co.uk or phone 07535686374

The Friends of the Dales Bus are leading Walk 24



Founded in 1996, we are a voluntary organisation campaigning for accessible and affordable public transport for visitors and residents within the Yorkshire Dales. For the latest news on our campaigns and activities visit our Facebook page [@FriendsOfDalesBus](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfDalesBus) or follow [@DalesBusFriends](https://twitter.com/DalesBusFriends) on Twitter.

Low Wood Activity Centre is the destination for Walk 25



This walk will finish at the Activity centre, sited on what used to be the Riddlesden Golf course, there will be a number of activities taking place and you'll get the opportunity to look around the site and find out about what is planned for the site.

Café Eden are leading Walk 18



We run a coffee morning that meets every second Friday of the month between 10am & 11.30am at the Keighley campus of Leeds City College. It's an opportunity to meet other parents & carers of family members on the Autistic Spectrum. Chat over a brew and share thoughts, stories and experiences. FREE membership of AWARE and support from the experienced members. The idea for the group came from Keighley Big Local partnership member Fiona Thompson.



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BMDC Right of Way Officer is leading Walk 8

Darren is Bradford Council's Area Rights of Way Officer. The walk will allow members of the public to have a look at a range of works that he gets involved in and the type of problems he has to deal with. The walk will also identify footpaths for potential improvement by Keighley Big Local.



Author Lee Senior is leading Walk 21

Lee is an experienced Freelance writer and walker and author of the book 'Walking the Aire'. A book detailing 14 short walks in the Aire valley. He will be leading one of the walks detailed in this book.



Those Plant People will be leading Walk 14

'Those Plant People' is a horticultural & gardening consultancy specialising in organic and sustainable gardening. Pippa and Andrew are based at their organic garden in Steeton. For more information about 'Those Plant People' visit www.thoseplantpeople.com

West Yorkshire Bat Group is leading walk 3

We work in partnership with Natural England to provide hands-on bat conservation. We are on call to help injured and stranded bats. We carry out research including roost and habitat surveys to build our knowledge of the ecology of the bats of West Yorkshire. If you're interested in becoming a member of the group or wish to know more about the group please access our website at: www.westyorkshirebats.org.uk

John Dallas is leading walk 18

John is a keen walker and wildlife enthusiast. He worked at Bracken Hall Countryside Centre as a Museum Education Officer for over 21 years and has an encyclopaedic knowledge regarding flora and fauna.

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Monday 17th September:

Walk 1

10.30 am Harden Moor & Ryecroft Circular – 7 ½ miles – Senior Wayfarers

Meet at 10:30am outside Keighley Station for a circular rural and moorland walk to Harden Moor and Ryecroft. Leader – Roger Pollard. Bring your own lunch, wear suitable clothing and respect our “no dogs” rule. . Contact Dave Hughes (01535 681807) for any further information

Walk 2

1.05pm Haworth Circular via Marsh – 3 ½ miles – Aire And Worth Valley Wanderers

Meet at Keighley bus station and catch the 1.05pm B3 Hebden Bridge Bus or meet at Haworth Railway station at 1.20pm. The walk takes in footpaths through fields which can be extremely muddy when wet! And involves some short climbs both uphill and downhill. Takes in part of the Railway Children walk and passes a number of the film’s locations. Contact Muppett for any further information on 01535 665258 / muppett@cabad.org.uk

Walk 3 Sponsored by Keighley Big Local

7.30pm Bat walk – Ian Butterfield from West Yorkshire Bat Group.

Meet in the Car park of the New scout Camp at Low Wood Activity Centre (The Old Riddlesden Golf course). At 7.30pm a short walk around both the activity centre and the canal towpath, in search of bats as well as other nocturnal animals. Contact Muppett for any further information on 01535 665258 / muppett@cabad.org.uk

Tuesday 18th September:

Walk 4

10am – 3pm - Parkwood to St.Ives and Back - 4 ½ miles – The Stumblers (Women Only)

Meet at Keighley Bus Station, next to the newsagents, for a 10.30am start. We'll be walking from the bus station, starting with a slow, steady climb up through Park Wood, then across Backshaw to St. Ives Estate. We aim to be back in Keighley by about 3.30pm. Most of the walking is on public footpaths and there may be a stile or two. There are some hills on this walk We look out for each other, but all walkers must take responsibility for themselves. We are a small group of friendly folk and we invite you to join us on the understanding that we don't have a formal membership scheme or insurance. Please bring a packed lunch and drink and wear sturdy, comfortable footwear and clothes for whatever the weather (could be layers, waterproofs and woolly hat or sunglasses, sun hat and light clothing) Our pace is not so fast as we like to stop and admire the views and observe our surroundings. We like to chat too! All of us are over 55 & some of us are over 80. For further information email devonshireparkkly@gmail.com



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Walk 5

10.30am – Keighley circular via Parkwood, Long Lee & Harden Moor, 5 ½ miles- Keighley Ramblers
Start from the junction of Low St. & Hanover Street Keighley. BD21 3QJ. Up through Parkwood and Long Lee to Harden Moor. Around the moor and back via Woodhouse and the side of the River Worth. Good views nearly all the way round. Leader Alex on 07787 783 559 Bring your own lunch

Walk 6

1.30pm - Goose Cote Lane to Haworth – 3 ½ miles - Aire And Worth Valley Wanderers
Meet at Keighley Bus Station & Catch the 1.10pm K7 Oakworth Bus or meet at 1.20pm at the junction of Keighley Rd and Goose Cote Lane. A very scenic walk, lovely views of the upper Worth Valley as well as the main Aire Valley. The walk takes in footpath and tracks through fields (muddy in places) and some road walking, it does include a steep climb of about 1/3 mile up Lord Lane into Haworth towards the end of the walk. Contact Muppett for any further information on 01535 665258 / muppett@cabad.org.uk

Walk 7

2pm – A Riddlesden Wander – Approx. 2 miles - East Riddlesden Walkers
Meet outside Airedale Barn (in the grounds of East Riddlesden Hall) at 1.50pm for a walk around Riddlesden. Ring 01274 321911 for further details

Walk 8 Sponsored by Keighley Big Local

10am – Walk about with Bradford Council’s Footpath Officer, Darren Hinchliffe – Approx. 3miles
A walk around the Big Local area to have a look and assess works that could be done and have been done to improve the Rights of Way network in that area. This would also be an opportunity for members of the public to have a look at a range of works that the footpath officer is involved in and the type of problems he has to deal with. Meet at Café Choux Choux on Keighley Railway Station at 10am for a Free coffee and flap jack then walk along on the many Big Local footpaths and rights of way with Darren and have some input into future improvements of the footpaths. Contact Muppett for any further information on 01535 665258 / muppett@cabad.org.uk

Wednesday 19th September:

Walk 9

10.30am – Silsden Circular – 5 ½ miles – Keighley Ramblers
start from the top of Belton Road Silsden. BD20 0EE From Keighley, Belton Road is the first right turn just beyond the Silsden 30MPH signs. A round of rural Silsden and Swartha, with good views of the Aire Valley. Leader Sue on 07814 068 178 Bring your own lunch



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Walk 10

Anytime between 10am & 2pm – Ramble in the Bramble, a self-guided walk to the Urban Meadow
See the insert for details and directions of the walk

Walk 11

Anytime between 10am & 2pm – Trudge in the Sludge, a self-guided walk to the Urban Meadow
See the insert for details and directions of the walk

Walk 12

1.30pm – Wandering the Worth Valley – 6 ½ miles – Aire Rivers Trust

Explore the industrial heritage of the Worth Valley with Nick Milsom of the Aire Rivers Trust. The start of the walk will be Ingrow Station and we will walk to Lumb Foot, a distance of Approx. 3 ¼ miles We will then return the same way. The walk will go over rough terrain, so walkers need to be reasonably fit for this walk. Bring your own lunch.

Contact Nick Milsom on 07378878857/ nick.milsom@aireriverstrust.org.uk

Walk 13

5.30pm – Woodland Wellbeing Walk – Approx. 2 miles – Get Out More

A mindful walk in the woods for adults. A moderate walk with engaging exercises to connect with nature, reduce stress and feel more positive. Some steep hills. No dogs. Meet outside Keighley train station on Bradford Road. BD21 4HP at 5.30pm. Contact Annie Berrington on 07974 935105

Walk 14 Sponsored by Keighley Big Local

6pm – Family Botany hunt – Pippa & Andrew Chapman

The family friendly walk will introduce children and parents/carers to the wonder of botany with an early evening walk around Cliffe Castle; finding leaves, fruits and flowers looking at shape, colour and how to identify them. No previous knowledge is needed. Meet at the entrance to Cliffe Castle Park on Spring Gardens Lane at 6pm Walk approx. 1 mile. Contact Pippa Chapman on 07704 178585

Thursday 20th September:

Walk 15

10.30am - Penistone Circular via Haworth Moor & Ponden Kirk – 8 ½ miles - Senior Wayfarers

Meet at 10:30am at the car park on Penistone Hill (Grid Reference SE 021 363) for an 8.3 miles circular moorland walk to Haworth Moor and Ponden Kirk. Bring your own lunch, wear suitable clothing and respect our “no dogs” rule. Leader – Ian Cartwright. Contact Dave Hughes (01535 681807) for more further information



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Walk 16

1.30pm – Riddlesden Circular via West Morton – 3 ¾ miles - Aire And Worth Valley Wanderers

Meet at the canal swing bridge on Bar lane. The walk takes in the Canal towpath as well as footpaths through fields and snickets, it also includes a short ascent and descent. Contact Muppett for any further information on 01535 665258 / muppett@cabad.org.uk

Friday 21st September:

Walk 17

10.30am - Woodland Wellbeing Walk – Approx. miles – Get Out More

A mindful walk in the woods for adults. A moderate walk with engaging exercises to connect with nature, reduce stress and feel more positive. Some steep hills. No dogs. Meet outside Keighley train station on Bradford Road. BD21 4HP at 10.30pm. Contact Annie Berrington

Walk 18 Sponsored by Keighley Big Local

11am - Seed Bombing walk Riddlesden to Cliffe Castle via Utley, 3miles – John Dallas & Café Eden Autism Support Café

The walk will start from the Marquis of Granby public house, Hospital Road, Riddlesden, BD20 5EP, just over the canal and around the corner from the bus stop outside 'Turner and Wards' and opposite East Riddlesden Hall. We'll walk along the Leeds and Liverpool Canal to Keighley Golf Course, where we cut down to and through Utley, up and through Cliffe Castle grounds and parkland and back down into Keighley town centre, near to the bus station where our walk finishes and we'll do some wild seed bombing. Contact Muppett for any further information on 01535 665258 / muppett@cabad.org.uk

Saturday 22nd September:

Walk 19

10.30am – Worth Valley Circular via Oakworth, Haworth & Stanbury, 6 ½ miles – Keighley Ramblers

Starting from Wide Lane Oakworth, outside the Crematorium. BD22 0RH. A great walk taking in Oakworth, Haworth, and Stanbury with its grand moorland scenery. Bring your own lunch. Contact Leader Tony on 07941 045 498.

Walk 20

11am – Devonshire Park History & Tree Walk – 1 mile – Friends of Devonshire Park

Meet at Devonshire Park Gates on Spring Gardens Lane, BD20 6LA. We'll zig-zag up and around the park, taking in aspects of the history of the Park, views of the Aire Valley and identifying trees along the way. The walk will be gentle and there will be some standing as we discuss things that crop up along the way. It is a steep site and can be slippery if wet. There'll be a leaflet to take away with you. Please bring memories of the Park with you to share. For further details email; devonshireparkkly@gmail.com



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Walk 21 Sponsored by Keighley Big Local

12 noon – Park Wood & The Twinds – 3 miles – Author Lee Senior

Meet outside Keighley Railway Station and Join Local Author Lee Senior for a walk up through Park Wood and down along the Twinds followed by a chat in Café Choux Choux. For further details contact Muppett on 01535 665258 / muppett@cabad.org.uk

Walk 22

1.30pm - East Morton Circular via Sunnydale – 3 ¾ miles - Aire And Worth Valley Wanderers

Meet at Keighley Bus station and catch 1.40pm 727 Cullingworth bus or meet outside the Busfield Arms in East Morton at 1.55pm. The walk involves some hill climbing goes through both woodland and farmland, so is both uneven and muddy in places. Takes in the picturesque village of East Morton and the Sunnydale woods, good views up onto Ilkley Moor and across the Aire Valley. For further details contact Muppett on 01535 665258 / muppett@cabad.org.uk

Walk 23 Sponsored by Keighley Big Local

2pm – Parents & Under 5's mile Challenge walk – Out in the Aire Forrest School

Meet by the drive way in front of East Riddlesden Hall and take part in a mile challenge walk along a scenic route that takes in the river bank and the fields at the back of East Riddlesden Hall and see how many mini beast you can spot on the way.

For further details contact Vicky Sutcliffe 07535686374 or info@outintheaire.co.uk

Sunday 23rd September:

Walk 24

12 noon (catch the 9.05 821 Rambler Bus) – Scar House to Lofthouse via How Stean – 6 ½ miles – Friends of Dales Bus

Catch the Nidderdale Rambler 821 Bus from Keighley Bus Station at 9.05am and make yourself known to the walk Leader Howard Hadley. The Walk Starts at Scar House Res Car Park / Café approx. 12:15 (Bus Arrives 11.45 but time for toilet and drink if needed) and Finishes at Lofthouse Bus Stop at Approx. 15.45 in order to Catch Bus 16.00 to Pateley Bridge for onward connections. Come and experience one of the best picture book views in Nidderdale towards the end of the walk. The walk includes some short uphill sections, so walkers need to be reasonably fit. Bring a packed lunch. For further details visit our Facebook page [@Friendsofdalesbus](#) or follow [@DalesBusFriends](#) on Twitter

Walk 25 Sponsored by Keighley Big Local

11am - Low Wood Grand Opening- 2 Mile to Low Wood Activity Centre

Join the Get Out More CIC, the Big Local Play team with a walk to the Grand Opening of the Low Wood Activity Centre on the site of the former Riddlesden Golf Course. Meet at Park Wood, Kendal Street

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Walks are included on the Keighley Big Local Website: www.keighleybiglocal.org.uk**